

SENATE BILL No. 585

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-5.1.

Synopsis: Athletic trainer licensure. Establishes minimum standards concerning the times and places at which athletic trainer qualification examinations are to be offered. Permits the Indiana athletic trainers board to issue temporary licenses. Permits additional persons to be issued initial licenses as licensed athletic trainers without complying with all the statutory requirements for licensure.

Effective: Upon passage.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-5.1-2-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 8. Any contract entered into by the board**
4 **concerning qualification examinations under this article must meet**
5 **the following requirements:**

6 (1) **The qualification examination will be offered at least six**

7 **(6) times per year in Indiana.**

8 (2) **A qualification examination must be offered in each of the**
9 **following counties at least once annually:**

10 **(A) Marion.**

11 **(B) Allen.**

12 **(C) Lake.**

13 **(D) Vanderburgh.**

14 (3) **The number of examiners and the size of the facility at**
15 **which an examination is offered must be sufficient to**
16 **accommodate each applicant who:**

17 **(A) applies for the qualification examination on or before**



1 **the deadline for the application; and**

2 **(B) pays the applicable examination fees.**

3 SECTION 2. IC 25-5.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2000,
4 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) To qualify for a license under this
6 article, an individual must satisfy the following requirements:

7 (1) Satisfactorily complete an application for licensure in
8 accordance with the rules adopted by the board.

9 (2) Pay the application fees, examination fees, and licensure fees
10 established by the board.

11 (3) Not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing
12 on the applicant's ability to practice competently as determined by
13 the board.

14 (4) Not have had disciplinary action taken against the applicant or
15 the applicant's license by the board or by the licensing agency of
16 another state or jurisdiction by reason of the applicant's inability
17 to safely practice athletic training with those reasons for
18 discipline still being valid as determined by the board.

19 (5) Show to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant has
20 received at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution of
21 higher education that meets the academic standards for athletic
22 trainers established by NATA and described in subsection (b).

23 (6) Except to the extent that section 6 of this chapter applies,
24 successfully pass the qualifying examination adopted by the board
25 as described in IC 25-5.1-2-6(8).

26 (b) The minimum academic standards for athletic trainers licensed
27 under this article as required under subsection (a)(5) include the
28 satisfactory completion of an academic program that includes at least
29 the following accredited courses:

30 (1) Human anatomy.

31 (2) Human physiology.

32 (3) Physiology of exercise.

33 (4) Kinesiology.

34 (5) Personal health.

35 (6) Basic athletic training.

36 (7) Advanced athletic training.

37 (8) Clinical experience as prescribed by the board.

38 (9) Therapeutic modalities.

39 (10) Rehabilitation.

40 ~~(c) The examination described in subsection (a)(6) shall be offered~~
41 ~~two (2) times during each calendar year.~~

42 SECTION 3. IC 25-5.1-3-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA

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CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 1.5. (a) If a person meets each of the requirements of section 1 of this chapter other than the requirement under section 1(a)(6), the board may issue a temporary license to the person.**

(b) A temporary license issued under this section:

(1) is valid for not more than twelve (12) months after the date of issuance; and

(2) may be renewed.

SECTION 4. IC 25-5.1-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2000, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 3. The board may refuse to issue a license to an applicant for licensure under section 1 or 1.5 of this chapter if:**

(1) the board determines during the application process that the applicant committed an act that would have subjected the applicant to disciplinary sanction under section 1(a)(4) of this chapter if the applicant had been:

(A) certified before July 1, 1998; or

(B) licensed after June 30, 1998;

in Indiana when the act occurred; or

(2) the applicant has had a:

(A) certificate revoked under IC 25-1-1.1 before July 1, 1998;

or

(B) license revoked under IC 25-1-1.1 after June 30, 1998.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The definitions in IC 25-5.1-1 apply throughout this SECTION.**

(b) Notwithstanding IC 25-5.1, the board shall issue an initial athletic trainer license to an individual who:

(1) was actively engaged as an athletic trainer for at least twelve (12) months between July 1, 1996, and June 30, 2001;

(2) submits an application to the board on forms prescribed by the board;

(3) pays the application and license fees prescribed by the board under IC 25-5.1-2-6; and

(4) either:

(A) has satisfactorily completed the educational qualifications set forth in IC 25-5.1-3-1(b); or

(B) has been certified by the NATA.

(c) An application for licensure under this SECTION must be made not later than June 30, 2002.

(d) Notwithstanding IC 25-5.1, a person issued an initial athletic trainer license under this SECTION:

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1 **(1) is considered to have been issued a license under IC 25-5.1;**
2 **and**
3 **(2) may have the license renewed under IC 25-5.1-3-4.**
4 **(e) This SECTION expires December 31, 2004.**
5 **SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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